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To require the Commissioner of Social Security and food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp coupons are not issued for deceased individuals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES**

4 **BY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY OF**
5 **DECEASED INDIVIDUALS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(r) of the Social Secu-
7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)) is amended by adding at the
8 end the following:

1 “(8)(A) The Commissioner shall establish a coopera-
2 tive arrangement with each State agency that administers
3 the food stamp program established under the Food
4 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

5 “(B) Under the arrangement in subparagraph (A),
6 the State agency shall provide information to the Commis-
7 sioner, in such form and manner as the Commissioner de-
8 termines necessary, regarding individuals receiving bene-
9 fits under the food stamp program.

10 “(C) The Commissioner shall compare information
11 received under subparagraph (B) with information ob-
12 tained under paragraph (1) and notify the State agency
13 of the individuals who are deceased.

14 “(D) An arrangement under subparagraph (A) shall
15 meet the requirements of paragraph (3)(A).”.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days, 1 year, and
17 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the
18 Commissioner of Social Security shall submit a report re-
19 garding the progress and effectiveness of the cooperative
20 arrangements established with State agencies under sec-
21 tion 205(r)(8) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
22 405(r)(8)) to—

23 (1) the Committee on Agriculture of the House
24 of Representatives;

1 (2) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
2 and Forestry of the Senate;

3 (3) the Committee on Ways and Means of the
4 House of Representatives;

5 (4) the Committee on Finance of the Senate;
6 and

7 (5) the Secretary of the Treasury.

8 (c) AMENDMENT OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
9 1986.—Clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) of section
10 6103(d)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating
11 to the availability and use of death information) is amend-
12 ed by inserting “or, in the case of a food stamp program
13 established under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
14 2011 et seq.), State agency” after “agency”.

15 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO ENSURE**
16 **NONISSUANCE OF FOOD STAMP COUPONS**
17 **FOR DECEASED INDIVIDUALS.**

18 Section 11(e)(20) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
19 U.S.C. 2020(e)(20)) is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
21 the end;

22 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
23 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(C) to provide such information to the
2 Commissioner of Social Security as the Com-
3 missioner determines is necessary to enable the
4 Commissioner to use the information provided
5 under the arrangement established under sec-
6 tion 205(r)(8) of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 405(r)(8)) to verify and otherwise en-
8 sure that coupons are not issued for deceased
9 individuals;”.

10 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 This Act and the amendments made by this Act take
12 effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of enact-
13 ment of this Act.

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